

COMMAND INFORMATION

Honor Platoon 2073



Lance Cpl. Jennifer Brofer

(From left to right) Drill Instructor Staff Sgt. Brannon Niesent, Senior Drill Instructor Staff Sgt. Douglas Mrusek and Drill Instructor Staff Sgt. William Toomey led Platoon 2073, Golf Co., 2nd RTBn., to become this week’s Honor Platoon. The platoon achieved an academic average of 98.54 percent, a final drill score of 71.12 and a physical fitness test average of 242.66. The platoon also had an initial rifle range qualification rate of 80 percent and a training efficiency of 98.8 percent.

PMI/Coach of the Week



Cpl. Alisha R. Fitzgerald

(Above) Primary Marksmanship Instructor Sgt. Brandon Green led Platoon 3084, Mike Co., 3rd RTBn., to a 93.7 percent qualification rate to become this week’s WFTBn. PMI of the week. The platoon had 11 experts, 11 sharpshooters, 37 marksmen and a platoon average of 203.7. Lance Cpl. Jason Oxendine, Chosin range coach, led recruits from Platoon 3080, Mike Co., 3rd RTBn., to qualify with three experts, three sharpshooters and six marksmen to become this week’s WFTBn. coach of the week.



SCHEDULES
Services
&
Movies



Services

Service	Time	Location
Sunday Services		
Catholic	9:30 a.m.	Depot Chapel
Protestant	11 a.m.	Depot Chapel
Protestant (Gospel)	11 a.m.	RMC
Sunday School/Education		
Catholic *	11 a.m.	RMC
Protestant **	9:30 a.m.	RMC

* Daily Mass is celebrated at the Depot Chapel 11:40 a.m. Mon-Fri.
** Wednesday night Bible study in the RMC at 6 p.m.

Movies

Movie	Time	Rating
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This Week’s

Graduation Reviewing Officer

Col. John P. Holden

Colonel John P. Holden was commissioned a second lieutenant May 30, 1979, upon graduation from the United States Naval Academy. Following The Basic School and Infantry Officer Course, Holden reported to Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., and was assigned to 1st Bn, 4th Marines. During this tour he served as a rifle platoon commander, battalion adjutant, rifle company executive officer, and rifle company commander.

In August 1982, Holden transferred to 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan. While there, he served as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Co., 4th Marines, and Aide-de-Camp for the Commanding General, III MAF / 3rd MarDiv.

In April 1984, Holden attended the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, at Fort Benning, Ga. Graduating on the Commandant’s List, he joined the Fort Benning Marine Representative Staff and assumed duties as the staff administrative officer and tactics / amphibious operations officer.

In December 1986, Holden was selected to attend language school at the Defense Language

Institute, Monterey, Calif., in preparation for his subsequent assignment as an exchange officer with the Royal Netherlands Marine Corps. In this assignment Holden served as an operations / training officer with the Dutch Marine Special Assistance (Counter Terrorist) Unit and the First Amphibious Combat Group.

Returning to the United States in August 1989, Holden was assigned to the 1st Marine Regiment at Camp Pendleton, Calif. During this tour he served as patrolling/raid OIC, 1st Marines Regimental Enhanced Training Section; operations officer, 1st Bn., 4th Marines; and G-3 training officer for 1st MarDiv.

In June 1992, he transferred to Quantico, Va., to attend the Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

Graduating from Command and Staff College as a Distinguished Graduate in June 1993, Holden was assigned to Joint Task Force Six (JTF-6), El Paso, Texas, and served as a plans and deputy operations officer. In August 1995, he was selected to establish a JTF-6 regional office and transferred to Fort Lewis, Wash.

In May 1997, Holden reported to 1st MarDiv and assumed

duties as G-3 plans officer. In October 1998, he assumed command of 1st Bn., 4th Marines and subsequently deployed as the Commanding Officer, Battalion Landing Team 1/4 to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf.

In September 2000, Holden relinquished command and assumed duties as the Division Inspector, 1st MarDiv.

Between January and July 2001, Holden attended the NATO Defense College, Rome, Italy. Graduating with distinction, Holden reported to Commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet, Gaeta, Italy, for duty as the Fleet Marine Officer and Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans and Policy (N5). He served in this billet until reporting for duty as Commanding Officer, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, in July 2003.

Holden is additionally an honor graduate of the U.S. Army’s Airborne and Ranger Schools, a graduate of the U.S. Army Special Forces Combat Diver Course, and the Joint Professional Military Education Phase II Course, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

Colonel Holden is married and has two children.

Honor Graduates

Congratulations to the following Marines who will graduate with honors today:

Golf Co., 2nd RTBn.

Lance Cpl. Christopher L. Stinnet, Morresville, N.C., company and Platoon 2072 honor graduate. He was recruited by Staff Sgt. Damon N. Hornung and trained by Staff Sgt. Corry R. Wilhoit II.

Lance Cpl. Daniel T. Griffith, Suffolk, Va., Platoon 2073 honor graduate. He was recruited by Staff Sgt. Jonathan M. Hooper and trained by Staff Sgt. Douglas D. Mrusek.

Lance Cpl. Bryant Wall, Virginia Beach, Va., Platoon 2074 honor graduate. He was recruited by Staff Sgt. Judson L. Plata and trained by Staff Sgt. Michael R. Defabritis.

Lance Cpl. Coty D. Greene, Athens, Ala., Platoon 2075 honor graduate. He was recruited by Staff Sgt. Justice D. Haggard and trained by Staff Sgt. Eric D. Holt.

Private First Class Micheal L. Demos, Louisville, Ohio, Platoon 2076 honor graduate. He was recruited by Gunnery Sgt. Derrick D. Wyche and trained by Staff Sgt. Preston Wooten.

Private First Class William A. Waldo, Hillard, Fla., Platoon 2077 honor graduate. He was recruited by Sgt. Allen J. Miller and trained by Staff Sgt. Robert L. Sanchez.

Lance Cpl. Michael C. Harper, Bourie, Md., Platoon 2078 honor graduate. He was recruited by Staff Sgt. Therman Cowan and trained by Staff Sgt. Timothy W. Fairfield.

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